

DATE: *August 30, 2006***TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 USC § 371**

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U.S. APPLICATION NO.
(if known, see 37 CFR § 1.5)INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.
PCT/US2005/005818INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE
02/23/2005PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED
03/01/2004

TITLE OF INVENTION

IMPROVED HEAD FOR A STRIP MOP

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US

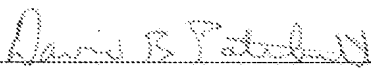
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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 USC § 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 USC § 371.
3. ☐ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 USC § 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
4. ☒ The US has been elected (Article 31).
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 USC § 371(c)(2)).
 - a. ☐ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☐ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☒ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)
6. ☐ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 USC § 371(c)(2)).
 - a. ☐ is attached hereto
 - b. ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 USC § 154(d)(4)
7. ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 USC § 371(c)(3))
 - a. ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau
 - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired
 - d. ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 USC § 371(c)(3)).
9. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 USC § 371 (c)(4)).
10. ☐ An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 USC §§ 371(c)(5)).

Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:

11. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98.
12. ☒ An assignment to 3M Innovative Properties Company will follow.
13. ☐ A preliminary amendment.
14. ☐ An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR § 1.76.
15. ☐ A substitute specification.
16. ☐ A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
17. ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR §§ 1.821 – 1.825.
18. ☐ A second copy of the published international application under 35 USC § 154(d)(4).
19. ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 USC § 154(d)(4).
20. ☐ Other items or information:

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| U.S. APPLN. NO. (if known, see 37 CFR § 1.5): | | INTERNATIONAL APPN. NO.: PCT/US2005/005818 | | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NO.: 59572US005 | |
| The following fees will be paid via EFS-Web at the time of filing: | | | | Calculations | PTO Use Only |
| 21. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic national fee (37 CFR 1.492(a)) | \$300 | | 300 | |
| 22. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examination fee (37 CFR 1.492(c)) | | | | |
| If the written opinion prepared by ISA/US or the international preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4)..... | | | | \$0 | |
| All other situations..... | | | | \$200 | 200 |
| 23. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search fee (37 CFR 1.492(b)) | | | | |
| If the written opinion prepared by ISA/US or the international preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4)..... | | | | \$0 | |
| Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority..... | | | | \$100 | |
| International Search Report prepared by an ISA other than the US and provided to the Office or previously communicated to the US by the IB..... | | | | \$400 | 400 |
| All other situations..... | | | | \$500 | |
| TOTAL OF 21, 22 and 23= | | | | \$900.00 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium) The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof. | | | | | |
| Fee Calc | Number Filed | (Minus 25%) EFS Filing | Minus 100 | Calc.Extra | Rate (for ea.add'l 50) |
| Application Size Fee | | Number in B multiplied by .75 | delete 100 from C | Divide D by 50 (round up to nearest 50) | \$250.00 |
| Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR § 1.492(e)). | | | | | \$0.00 |
| CLAIMS | | NUMBER FILED | | EXTRA | RATE |
| Total claims | | 26 | | - 20 = | 6 |
| Independent claims | | 3 | | - 3 = | 0 |
| Add'l fee for one or more multiple dependent claims | | | | | \$360.00 |
| Total Amount Due | | | | | \$1,200.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR § 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2. | | | | | \$0.00 |
| SUBTOTAL = | | | | | \$1,200.00 |
| Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest priority date (37 CFR § 1.492(f)). | | | | | \$0.00 |
| TOTAL NATIONAL FEE = | | | | | \$1,200.00 |
| Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR § 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR §§ 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property | | | | | \$0.00 |
| TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED = | | | | | \$1,200.00 |
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| | | | | | Amount to be charged: \$1,200.00 |
| a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fees will be paid via EFS-Web at the time of filing. b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. 13-3723 in the amount of \$_____ to cover the above fees. c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3723 | | | | | |
| NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR § 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR § 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status. | | | | | |
| Signature  | | | | | |
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